ville and her daughter, both looking very well. I have promised to dine with them. To-day I dined with Lord Malmesbury. Last night I was in his box *aux Italiens. It* was *Stratonice et Fanchetie.*

Madame Dugazon did not act*

The fiacres are much neater than they used to be. There is no regulated fare, therefore one makes a bargain on stepping into these motley chariots.

They say General d'Alvinizi[1] is coming down in two columns, with a very formidable force, upon Bonaparte, who has only 23,000 men left, and perhaps you will soon hear of some great derangement in the French projects in that part of the world.

Basile is still at Menil, poor and almost blind.

La Mere Gertrude[2] came the other day from Passy on foot, though past eighty, to see Madame de Laborde. The latter is reinstated in all her possessions. Madame de Beauveau lives in a small house at St. Germain.

The Dunkirk flotilla, object of our alarms, has been shipwrecked on its own coast. There has

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1 Field Marshal d'Alvinm commanded a division in

Laudohn's army, and was afterwards commander-in-chief at Rivoli and Arcole. He was much respected, though not successful as a military man. He died in 1810, aged 84.*

2 Ex-abbess of the Ursuline convent where Mrs. Swinburne was a *pensionnaire.*